

To The Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 2289 without my signature.

The value of this mandate is questionable as this information is widely documented through studies written by private foundations and is readily available to individual consumers through health insurance agents and brokers.

Additionally, the Department of Managed Health Care already has access to the information mandated by this bill as health plans are currently required to submit the full premium cost of the health plan, copayment, coinsurance or deductible requirements and lifetime and annual maximums.

This bill adds to the existing regulatory morass thereby increasing the cost of doing business in California without adding any health and safety protections for Californians.

AB 2289 requires health plans and insurers to report to the Department of Managed Health Care and the Department of Insurance, on a one-time basis, a written statement describing what enrollees pay out-of-pocket for benefits.

For these reasons, I am returning this bill without my signature.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger